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Thanks

.. to those parents who attended this week's zone consultation meeting and to those who have made submissions.

.. to those parents who assisted with this week's middle school trips to Auckland - and our dedicated middle school teachers.

.. Lesley Walker for providing scrummy muffins for the Yr 3 & Yr 4 staff and parents during their trip to Auckland.

People of the Week

..Hayden Clements for coming 3rd place in the Taupo Winter Motorcross series in his grade and 1st place in the Waikato Motorcross Championships (7-11 yr 65cc grade).

.. All the kids who attended the holiday programme who played so well together, used their manners and were a pleasure to look after. All the parents, family members and visitors to the holiday programme who gave up their time to ensure that these children had a fun holiday experience.

.. Northland Cross Country runners who did extremely well - Jemimah Jongkind 5th Year 4 girls; Liam Mortimer 39th Yr5 Boys; William Dorahy 8th Yr7 boys; and to Ethan Harkness who was unable to complete the course due to illness.

.. Brooke & Tegan Verevis both received Player of the Year Awards at their soccer prize giving for Kamo Kauri teams.

Meeting to discuss Year 7 and 8 Programmes

On **Thursday 29 October** (7:30 PM in room 9) Mr Delemare will lead a discussion on the special programmes on offer in the senior part of our school. It appears that some parents may not be aware of the special measures taken for this age group in preparing them for the important (and rapidly approaching) step to secondary school. Years of research and experience have allowed Mr D and his team to evolve a programme which is second to none and which covers all of the truly important bases. Come and find out why our students disproportionately feature in success statistics at secondary school, and why these students adapt so quickly to the secondary system. Research overwhelmingly proves the value for children at this age of a quality homeroom teacher, emphasis on reading, writing and maths (as opposed to **some** of the more peripheral learning areas), the importance of the home room teacher (as opposed to rotating through multiple teachers), and a carefully scaffolded programme of learning. Not to mention classes around 30% smaller than some urban schools. Mr D is most willing to meet with parents individually by appointment should this be preferred.

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Good Luck

To those students representing our school in next week's Interschool Tennis Championship. A reminder to parents that they are responsible for transport and supervision of their child. Games get under way at 9:00 and the event concludes around 3:30. Please ensure children take lunch, drinks, sun hat, sun block, tennis racket and non-marking soled shoes.

Term 4 Calendar

20 October	-	Year 4 to 6 Hockey Tournament
21 October	-	Year 5 to 8 Tennis Singles Tournament
23 October	-	Calf Club Day
29 October	-	Information evening for parents of prospective year 7 and 8 students
3 November	-	Junior trip to the Bird Recovery centre
3 November	-	Gymsport Festival
4 November	-	Tech Quest workshops
10 November	-	Zone Athletics at Poroti School (pp 17.11)
19 November	-	Year 7 Vaccinations
25 November	-	Year 7 and 8 Beach Volley Ball
26 November	-	Whangarei Girls' High School Orientation Day
27 November	-	Year 5 and 6 Kiwi Cricket
1 December	-	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Championships
3 December	-	Juniors - theatre production at Forum North
8-11 December	-	Room 6 camp
11 December	-	Reports to parents
14 December	-	Team Athletics Day (pp 16.12)
15 December	-	Prize Giving
17 December	-	Final day

We will advise other dates as these come to hand.

Virtue

Our "Shining Examples" of the Diligence Virtue end of last term were as follows. Congratulations to you all.

Rm 1	Alyssa Peters	Rm 1	Matthew Martin
Rm 2	Emma Verevis	Rm 3	Andrew Walker
Rm 4	Kate Woffindin	Rm 5	Kayla Sinclair
Rm 6	Abbi Bradshaw	Rm 7	Dylan Mason
Rm 8	Laura Biddle	Rm 9	Sungwon Kim
Rm 9	Jackson Arkle		

Please find attached support material for our commencing virtue "Responsibility".

As with all of our virtues we ask parents to ..

- .. take the time to discuss this material with their child(ren) at home
- .. discuss times when you have / do apply this virtue in your own lives
- .. seek out some opportunities for application over the next few weeks.
- .. advise us of your successes so that we can share these with others

Year 8 Pre-entry Testing

This will be held on Tue 20 Oct at *Whangarei Girls' High School*, 8.45am-11.45am in the School Hall.

Lunchtime Athletics Competitions

We will shortly begin lunchtime track and field activities. Children will get the opportunity to compete against school standards as well as to prepare for upcoming zone and interschool events. Please encourage your children to show an interest in these events. If you are able to assist with these (even for one lunchtime a week) please give Kevin a call next week.

School Sun Hat

A reminder that these are compulsory in terms 1 and 4. Children will be required to wear the school approved (wide brimmed) bucket hat each day please. Additional hats can be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$7.50 each.

Calf Club - Indoor Exhibits

Please accept this cordial invitation to attend our Annual School Calf Club Day on 23 October - getting under way shortly after 9:00am. Please extend this invitation to grandparents, other extended family, and neighbours. Bring along some change for sausages and drinks and remember to please ..

- .. Drop a plate to the school hall on arrival for our shared lunch
- .. Make sure all exhibits (and place cards) remain in rooms until 2:00pm at the earliest
- .. Advise your child's teacher if they will be travelling home with you at the end of the day.
- .. Note that, due to greatly different loadings, buses will depart school much earlier than usual.

Ringrose Stockfoods are sponsoring the ribbons & rosettes again this year. Please consider them when purchasing calf meal. ***Omak Meats & Kauri Vets are our main calf club sponsors this year.***

Please see the separate newsletter sent home today with full details on the proceedings and requirements for next Friday. If you can help with 'marshalling' of the children and calves or lambs please contact Alison Faithfull on 433 5557 asap.

Calf Club indoor exhibits

As most of you will be aware, all the children have been working hard to prepare some excellent exhibits for display on Calf Club Day. Each class will send home a note detailing what (if anything) your child will need to either prepare at home or bring in to complete at school. *Following is a list by room of what to expect:*

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| Room 1 | See your classroom notice. |
| Room 2 | See your classroom notice. |
| Room 3 | Thursday 22 nd October the children will be making fruit and vegetable animals (toothpicks will be supplied) and a flower arrangement in an unusual container. They will need to bring to school on Thursday morning a resource collection of fruit/vegetables, all natural please no plastic. They will also need to bring an unusual container eg gumboot etc and long stem flowers and foliage to arrange in it. If you have extra flowers you could bring for children who do not have a garden. That would be very much appreciated. |
| Room 4 | Nothing required from home. |
| Room 5 | Nothing required from home. |
| Room 6 | Nothing required from home. |
| Room 7 | Make & design cake at home. Bring all decorations to school on Thursday morning ready to put together. Also required are Fresh or dried flowers for a floral arrangement and a free standing A4 frame. |
| Room 8 | Children need to make sweets (fudge, rocky road etc) at home and bring to school on Wednesday 21 October. 50% marks for presentation, 50% for taste. All other exhibits have been completed at school. |
| Room 9 | See the class Wikispace page, but reminder to bring in Fudge on Wednesday. |

Bible in Schools Programme

Traditionally Matarau School has hosted a Bible in Schools Programme (30 minutes on one morning a week). This programme went into abeyance some years back as there were insufficient teachers to cover classes. I am now advised that there are sufficient keen and enthusiastic teachers to start this programme up again. The programme is based on the Religion in Life programme which is mainstream and denominationally neutral. An outline of the Religion in Life programme is available at the school office for perusal by any interested parent - please feel free to ask for this.

At enrolment parents are asked if they would like their children included in this programme - and we run at around 80% in the affirmative. This is pretty consistent with earlier levels of support.

Those children who do not attend are supervised while they complete work assigned by their teacher. Alternatively, the school is happy to provide a space for any other faith based group to run an alternative programme. As involvement is optional, and to ensure our records are reasonably up to date, we are asking parents to confirm if they do NOT want their child involved in any of these programmes. Alternative work

will be prepared for these children during Bible in Schools times. **If you did not receive a Bible in schools opt out letter and would like one please contact the school office next week.** Please note that the reinstatement of this programme will not result in a reduction of regular class time - this time is made up across the 5 school days).

Bandanna Week

You will no doubt know that next week is Bandanna Week. Children have the option of purchasing a bandanna at a cost of \$4 or paying \$2 to wear an existing bandanna. These can be ordered from the office at any stage next week with funds donated to teen cancer. You should not feel under pressure to purchase but we are grateful for any support you can give to this most worthy of causes.

Home Garden Programme

We did not meet this week due to camps etc. but will meet next week to share and discuss. Before then, please ensure that gardens have been turned over and composted in preparation for planting. Plantings need to be staged to ensure gardens are looking their best by mid November. Any questions please give us a call. Garden size is pretty much up to you and children can be creative. The garden layout plan (in diaries) will need to be thoughtfully completed before plantings to ensure all plants get adequate sun, space etc.

Holiday Programme

The holiday programme was by all accounts very successful and raised some much needed funds for the school. The kids were all happy at the end of the day following activities such as bike riding, roller blading/skating, art and craft, DVDs, gymnastics, hockey, cricket and softball. Northland Regional Council kindly provided two sessions of environmental education and awareness which was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the kids and parents. If you would like to be involved over the summer break, notices will be in newsletters closer to the time.

Friday Lunch Orders

Children can order hot pies or sausage rolls through the office by Tuesday. These can be ordered by the term or weekly. Order forms attached. If you are able to help with heating the pies or assisting in some way please contact Michelle Martin on 4335061.

PTA Updates

- Next meeting is **Monday 19 October 2009 at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. All Welcome.
- PTA Treasurer - the PTA is again looking for a treasurer. Please consider taking on this role. The current treasurer is available for a little longer to assist with the handover and the PTA will provide support to you.
- Calf Club Day - Alison Faithfull may still need some calf marshalls
- Trivia Night - If you still owe money for Trivia night purchases or sponsorship could this be paid as soon as possible please.
- Calendar Artwork will be on display on Calf Club Day and order forms will be sent out next week.
- Landscaping project - small slope between the reading recovery room and the concrete courts. We will be asking for parents to help with a working bee to complete this later.

Community Notices

Rabbit - Lovely young brown and white male dwarf rabbit, very friendly. Free to a good home. Phone Yvonne 4335905.

Dance Inc Northland - New dance school offering limited places in Ballet, Jazz, Musical Theatre & tap dancing classes. All ages catered for 3 yrs and over. Phone 4308806 or email danceincnorthland@gmail.com

Lighthouse - Term 4 begins Friday 16th October, Trinity, 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Cost \$2.00 per child. Phone Janice Hartwell 459 4552 or Jennie Clarke 435 3890 for more details.

Immanuel Junior Symphony Orchestra - Annual Concert, Forum North Concert Hall, 7.00pm 16 October 2009. Free Entry.

NZ Oceanswim Series - Take the plunge and enter. Something for all ages. Held in Paihia on 12 December 2009. Brochures available at the office.

Kamo Tennis Club Inc - Beginning 19th October 2009. Phone Francie James 4375581 for more information.

Ruakaka Surf Life Saving Patrol - Registration Day 26 October 2009 with training commencing Sunday 1 November. For more information contact Leslie Hulse on 09 434 6234 or www.ruakakalifeguards.co.nz

NZ Black Sticks Men's Hockey Team - in Whangarei for Hockey Festival, Labour Weekend. Funds raised will go towards stem cell treatment for injured hockey player Mike Delaney. Northland Hockey Centre, Park Ave. For more information ph 09 437 3830 or www.miked.co.nz

Cancer Society 30th Anniversary - Celebrate with Ray Woolf and the Mike Walker Trio, Friday 6th November, 5.30pm, ASB Leisure Centre. Ticket Price \$75.00 per person, tickets available from Daffodil House. Ph 094375593 or 0800 366 066.

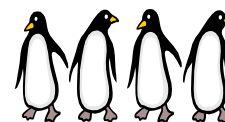
Tides Out Bream Bay Fun Run & Walk - Saturday 31 October, starting at 10.00am. Heaps of spot prizes, raffle. Come and enjoy a fun family day. Enquiries to Susan McRae on 432 1029 or Maree Wright on 459 5628 or Waipu School 4320135.

Northland Baseball - For players 4-14 yrs. Begins October 15. \$25 per child. To register phone 094595404 or email info@northlandbaseball.org.nz.



Kamo Athletics Club For children 5-14 years. Run, jump, throw and have fun - starts this Wednesday at Kamo High School grounds 4.45pm - we have facilities for wet weather. Later in the season we will be moving to the new Kensington Park All Weather Athletics Track. This long standing community club is also looking for a local sponsor - Do you have a business that you would like to be associated with and promoted by fit and active local kids? Enquiries to Chris Sapwell 4335099/02747722612.

Kamo Amateur Swimming Club Kamo Swim club registration night is Monday 2nd November, 4.00pm at the Kamo High School Pool. New members are most welcome. Swimmers wanting to attend stroke improvement for the first time should come prepared to swim for an assessment. Swimmers need to be able to swim across the width of the KHS pool.



The first stroke improvement night will be Monday 9th November at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays and Fridays at 4.30pm. First club night of the season will be on Wednesday 18 November. All our instructors are volunteers, if you are interested in helping please let me know, new helpers most welcome. If you have any queries, please contact Sue Mehrtens on 433 5606 or 021 834 570

Spelling Bee .. Underway soon. Take place during term 4 Tuesday assemblies (even Tuesday weeks). Parents are welcome to drop by. Good luck to all participants. Parents might like to encourage their child's involvement.

Enrolment Zone

Thank you again to those people who attended this week's meeting to discuss the proposed enrolment zone. I am pleased to advise that the date for submissions has been extended to **Friday 13 November**. The Ministry would like me to reiterate ..

.. that the proposed zone is a proposal only at this stage

.. that they will carefully consider your feedback and submissions when determining the final zone

It is therefore important that you put your views in writing and drop these to the school office (addressed to the Board Chairperson) - **BEFORE 13 NOVEMBER**

A number of parents at this meeting requested some material for distribution in their area - this material is now available from the school office and so please drop by, or advise how we can get these to you.

A copy of the minutes of our consultation meeting are also available on request.

Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss any aspect of the proposed zone.

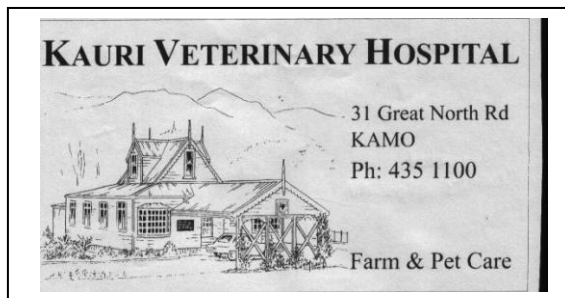
Please note that the zone description and map are now available on our website www.matarau.school.nz

Final thought

We are currently planning and budgeting for next year. It would be helpful to know if your child will not be at our school next year, or if you know of in-zone children who will be attending our school of whom we may not be aware. We want to ensure optimal class placements for all children and so up to date information is important. Please feel free to advise Helen by phone (answer phone evenings and weekends), email, or in person so that we can update next year's anticipated roll. Thank you.

Kevin Trehwella, Principal

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Hayden Chaplin caught this 58.5cm snapper on his kid's rod and reel set, fishing on the side of the 3 mile reef in 100ft of water - Dad had to help pull it in!

Don't forget to bring your banking into the office. Application packs available at the office for newly interested ones

Kashin's Tips!

Kashin Tip 1
Save some, spend some!

Try to save some money every time you get some.
If you get pocket money or a gift of money, try not to spend it all at once.

Kashin

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